

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted for H. Con. Res 13, which reaffirms "In God We Trust" as the official motto of the United States, and supports and encourages the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools and other government institutions. Pence spoke on this resolution when it went through the Judiciary Committee in March 2011. He submitted the following remarks into the record of the U.S. House of Representatives today:

"M. Speaker,

"I rise in support of this resolution to reaffirm 'In God We Trust' as the official motto of the United States (H. Con. Res. 13), and I want to thank Congressman Randy Forbes for introducing this resolution and commend him for his tireless and ongoing defense of America's Christian heritage.

"I believe that reaffirming our commitment to 'In God We Trust' as the official motto of the United States matters. It pays tribute to our present and past, and it facilitates our future. America was founded on the principle that we derive our rights from our Creator. They are not given to us by government or by kings. These rights are given to us by God.

"I don't believe that one can adequately explain the near boundless prosperity and advancement of the United States of America since 1776 other than the hand of Providence. In these difficult times, now more than ever, we should reaffirm 'In God We Trust' as our official motto."

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